CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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pcc.edu/programs/criminal-justice

CAREER AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

People who choose to study criminal justice are people with a passion for helping, protecting and serving other people. No matter what you are doing, you know you are making a difference in someone’s life. Criminal justice is not only about law enforcement and policing.

The criminal justice curriculum is designed to prepare students for careers in many professions related to crime and justice.

Twenty-first century criminal justice is so much more than what you thought. The work goes on in local, state, and federal offices, community agencies and across a wide variety of jurisdictions.

- Law enforcement and policing remain a major component of the field, but it now includes prevention, community building, investigative work, forensics specialist, statistical work to understand where, how and why crime occurs.
- Involvement with the judicial system is also a major component of the field; court reporting, paralegals, U.S Marshalls, special agents, victim advocates.
- Corrections is the third major component of the field: probation officers, teachers and counselors in correctional facilities, rehabilitation counselors, health/addiction specialists, statistical work to evaluate policies of corrections.

A Criminal Justice major will give you an AAS degree that puts you on the path to a career in the field. At the end you will meet qualifications for numerous jobs in the numerous justice areas of criminal justice. You will also be ready to go further in your educational program if more specialized positions are your goal.

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES OFFERED

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

Criminal Justice

Academic Prerequisites

- None

Academic Requirements

- Students must pass all prerequisite courses with a “C” or “P” or better in order to enroll in any CJA courses with a “200” or higher designator.

Non-Academic Prerequisites

- None

Non-Academic Requirements

- None

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AAS DEGREE

Minimum 90 credits. Students must also meet Associate Degree Comprehensive Requirements and Associate of Applied Science Requirements. Students must complete a total of sixteen credits of General Education. Some courses specified within the program may be used as General Education. In addition to required courses in the program of study, students must satisfy MTH 58/65 competency. Students should consult with program advisors for course planning.

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CJA 100. Professions in Criminal Justice. 3 Credits.
Provides overview of the various careers in the public safety professions, including police, corrections, parole and probation, juvenile and adult casework, private security, loss prevention, and private investigator. Prerequisites: Placement into WR 121. Audit available.

CJA 101. Cultural Diversity in Criminal Justice Professions. 3 Credits.
Provides introduction and familiarization with communication styles, customs, language, and behavior patterns of various cultures, ethnic groups and marginalized populations as employed by and encountered by criminal justice professionals. Prerequisite: Placement into WR 121. Audit available.

CJA 111. Introduction to Criminal Justice System - Police. 3 Credits.
Course designed to provide an overview of the role of police in society. Students will become familiar with general concepts related to law enforcement and be introduced to associated foundations and principles that comprise the criminal justice system. A range of issues and facts relevant to policing will be discussed. Included is historical development of police in America, crime data collection, police organization and structure, the police sub-culture, police and community relations, laws and constitutional limitations on authority. Prerequisite: Placement into WR 121. Audit available.

CJA 112. Introduction to Criminal Justice System - Courts. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on the United States criminal court systems including state, federal and miscellaneous other jurisdictions. It covers roles and functions of participants in the adjudication process including the prosecutor, defense attorney, defendant, victim, judge, jury, police and more. Also examined are various criminal court procedures from arrest and arraignment through trial and sentencing. Prerequisite: Placement into WR 121. Audit available.

CJA 113. Introduction to the Criminal Justice System - Corrections. 3 Credits.
Covers theories and current practices in correctional treatment, crime prevention, contemporary criminal justice services and treatment methods, and professional career opportunities. Prerequisites: Placement into WR 121. Audit available.

CJA 114. Introduction to Juvenile Process. 3 Credits.
Introduces history and philosophies of juvenile adjudication and corrections. Covers current programs in Oregon available to juveniles who are or have been involved in the justice system. Provides a focus on integrating theories of causation, juvenile law, and procedural requirements. Prerequisites: Placement into WR 121 (or instructor permission). Audit available.

CJA 115. Introduction to Jail Operations. 3 Credits.
Introduces jail operations including security, intake, classification and other daily procedures concerning inmates. Problems and issues facing contemporary jails will be explored and possible solutions studied. Prerequisites: Placement into WR 121. Audit available.

CJA 117. Introduction to Homeland Security. 3 Credits.
Introduces Homeland Security and its function of coordinating efforts to develop and implement a comprehensive national strategy to secure the nation from terrorist threats or attacks. Agencies associated with Homeland Security along with their duties and relationships are covered. Explores historical events, laws, issues, communications, critical threats and other topics related to protecting the national infrastructure. Prerequisites: Placement into WR 121. Audit available.

CJA 201. Arrest, Search and Seizure. 3 Credits.
Covers issues and procedures regarding stops, frisks, searches, and seizures. Reviews the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 1, Section 9 of the Oregon State Constitution. Includes stops, arrests, privacy issues, search warrants and warrantless searches, and seizures. Reviews case law, current events and statutory law from the Criminal Code of Oregon. Recommended: CJA 112. Prerequisite: WR 121. Audit available.

CJA 211. Civil Liability in Criminal Justice. 3 Credits.
Explores the conduct and ethics of criminal justice practitioners that give rise to civil liability. Focuses on aspects of risk management to help prevent legal claims. Prerequisites: CJA 111 and WR 121 or instructor permission. Audit available.

CJA 212. Criminal Law. 3 Credits.
Introduces substantive criminal law including basic principles of criminal liability, constitutional aspects, defenses and accomplice liability. Elements of specific crimes are covered and court decisions interpreting statutes are analyzed. Prerequisites: CJA 111; WR 121. Audit available.

CJA 213. Evidence. 3 Credits.
Explores the rules regarding the use of evidence according to state and federal laws. A wide variety of topics are introduced relating to evidence including collection, preservation, chain of custody, admissibility and exclusion at trial. Prerequisites: CJA 111; WR 121. Audit available.

CJA 214. Criminal Investigation. 3 Credits.
Introduces modern investigative methods, including the collection and preservation of physical evidence, scientific aids, sources of information, interviews, follow-up and case presentation. Includes techniques of interview and interrogation. Prerequisites: CJA 111; WR 121. Audit available.

CJA 215. Forensic Science and Criminalistics. 3 Credits.
Explores how scientific principles help in crime detection and solution. Familiarizes students with procedures and identifies the proper techniques of fingerprinting, DNA, body fluids, and other evidence that may be contained at a crime scene. Prerequisites: WR 121. Audit available.

CJA 217. Interviewing and Interrogation. 3 Credits.
Prepares knowledge and working skills in the art of interviewing and interrogation. Prerequisites: CJA 110, 111; WR 121. Audit available.

CJA 220. Mental Health & the Law. 3 Credits.
Presents an overview of legal aspects of mental health issues. Focuses on aspects of risk management to help prevent legal claims. Prerequisites: Placement into WR 121 or equivalent. Audit available.

CJA 222. Your Rights and the Police. 3 Credits.
Examines the Bill of Rights with a focus on rights associated with government intrusion during police contact and investigation. Covers rights related to free expression, privacy, searches, seizures, self-incrimination and others. Introduces remedies available for unlawful police conduct. Prerequisite: WR 121. Audit Available.

CJA 230. Police Report Writing. 3 Credits.
Introduces police report writing. Covers appropriate narrative structures necessary for operational police reports. Includes critical legal aspects, content, organization, and grammar. Focuses on producing a quality police report capable of withstanding courtroom scrutiny. Prerequisite: CJA 210, CJA 212, and WR 121 or equivalent placement. Audit available.

CJA 231. Crime Scene Photography. 3 Credits.
Introduces crime scene photography skills to aid in crime scene and evidentiary documentation. Includes camera operation, exposure control, proficiency in relational photos, close-up photography, lighting, flash control and videography. Prerequisite: WR 121. Audit available.

CJA 243. Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. 3 Credits.
Covers history and causes of narcotic and drug problems, how to identify drug addicts and drug abusers, and how to define and classify various types of narcotics and dangerous drugs. Includes applicable laws, other controls, and rehabilitation programs. Prerequisites: WR 121. Audit available.

CJA 244. Tactical Communication in Crisis Incidents. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on police intervention in the lives of people in the midst of an emotional or physical crisis in the manner designed to minimize or prevent violent while gaining control of the situation. Emphasized are verbal and non-verbal communication techniques and skills utilized to calm the client and gain compliance helping to lead to a successful and safe resolution. Prerequisites: Placement into WR 121 (or instructor permission). Audit available.

CJA 246. Fish and Wildlife Enforcement. 3 Credits.
Covers fish and wildlife problems and their relation to wildlife management. Focuses on enforcement processes and techniques including investigation, fish and wildlife forensics, evidence handling, proper citation and report completion in preparation for courtroom presentation. Prerequisites: CJA 111 and WR 121. Audit available.

CJA 250. Human Trafficking. 3 Credits.
Introduces human trafficking and the impact on society through control, manipulation and exploitation of victims for financial gain. Covers special interviewing techniques for victims considering their vulnerabilities. Introduces methods of investigation that help lead to successful prosecution of those involved in compelling victims into prostitution. Prerequisites: WR 121. Audit available.

CJA 263. Introduction to Corrections Casework. 3 Credits.
Introduces the process of casework and case management in a correctional setting. Develops both a theoretical and practical base of knowledge to allow the student to develop counseling techniques. Prerequisite: CJA 100, 113. Audit available.
CJA 265. Community Reentry for Offenders. 3 Credits.
Provides an overview of the role and responsibilities of the community jail and prison in preparing offenders for reentry into a lawful place within the community. Covers the steps necessary to prepare the offender for release, offender skills assessment processes, brokering employment opportunities and resources as well as other methods to support offenders while returning to positive lawful roles in the community. Prerequisites: CJA 113 and WR 121. Audit available.

CJA 280A. Cooperative Education: Criminal Justice. 1-3 Credit.
Students participate with various public sector criminal justice agencies to learn about their structure and function. The field placement must be program-related. Department permission required prior to registration. Prerequisite: CJA 100 and (CJA 111 or CJA 113).